



Big Bone Lick

State Historic Site

July 7-10, 2016

Welcome to Big Bone Lick State Historic Site! The park's Program Services staff provides safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences for all park visitors. Our goal is to enhance the visitor experience by sharing the park's unique prehistory, interpreting its natural resources, and providing a variety of purely recreational offerings.

All activities are FREE unless otherwise noted (\$).

Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all activities.

A minimum of 3 participants are required per program.

Staff Listing:

Park Program Services Supervisor: Ossana Wolff

Interpretive Staff: Claire Kolkmeyer

The Recreation Shelter is located in the Campground. All Programs open to the public unless noted.

ALL TIMES ARE Eastern Standard (EST)

Thursday July 7, 2016

- 1:00 P.M.** **Fossil Hunter:** This area is known for being the birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology but it is also a premier Ordovician fossil location. This program will uncover the story of the park's Ordovician fossils. We will talk about how this area became a premier fossil site, how the ancient invertebrates that lived here became fossils, and most importantly hone our fossil hunting skills. Participants will have the opportunity to handle and identify fossils found on the park.
Location: Visitor Center/Museum
Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages
- 3:00 P.M.** **The Nature of Big Bone Lick - Tree Edition:** Ahhh nature... it is one of the best things about Big Bone. There are many sides to the nature of the Park including our trees. On this mile long walk we will cover the basics of tree ID and learn about 10 common trees of Big Bone Lick.
Location: Meet at the Museum/Visitor Center **Length:** 1 mile, easy hike
Approx Time: 1 Hour **Ages:** All Ages

Friday July 8, 2016

- 1:00 P.M.** **The Nature of Big Bone Lick: Creek Explorer:** What is the best thing to do on a hot summer day? Get wet of course! Join Interpretive Staff for a wet and muddy exploration of Big Bone Creek. Come prepared to get wet and wear your old shoes.
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center/Museum, short walk to the creek
Approx Time: 1 Hour **Ages:** All Ages
- 3:00 P.M.** **Make-and-Take Arrowhead Necklaces (\$):** Humans have come to Big Bone Lick for over 10,000 years to hunt and make salt. Until Europeans came to the area Native Americans used stone tools to hunt and process meat. Join us for more information and a fun craft too! Each participant will make an arrowhead necklace to wear proudly and take home.
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 30 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages **Fee:** \$2.00 per necklace
- 5:00 P.M.** **Atlatl, Prehistoric Weapon of Choice:** Prehistoric people came up with a rather ingenious device in order to hunt for large animals more efficiently. The device, called an atlatl allowed a person to throw a long dart up to several hundred yards. Join the Park Interpreter to learn more about the atlatl and see how well you can throw an atlatl dart. **All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.*
Location: Meet at the Campground Store
Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** 8+ to throw*, all ages to watch
- 9:30 P.M.** **Tour the Stars:** Have you ever wondered what the galaxies actually look like from earth? What about the distant stars you can't see with the naked eye? Join Big Bone Lick staff with Dr. Bresser & Dr. Vogler from Northern Kentucky University for a tour of the stars.
Location: Campground Store (Open to all Park Visitors)
Approx Time: 1-1.5 hours **Ages:** All Ages

Saturday July 9, 2016

- 11:00 A.M.** **Discovery Day:** Join the staff of Big Bone Lick for a day of discovery and new experiences! This site is full of prehistoric, historic, cultural, and natural wonders. From 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Visitor Center/Museum you can discover some of the things that make Big Bone Lick great, including Ice Age fossils, Native American and Pioneer life and culture, and the geologic history of Big Bone Lick. Staff will be doing atlatl demonstrations as well as fun crafts to take home. *It is free to discover!*

Opportunities to Discover:

- Native American and Pioneer Life
- Flint Knapping
- Ice Age bones and stones
- Birds of Prey
- Honey bees and Beekeeping
- Archeology and paleontology
- Atlatl
- Fire starting
- Tree ID and invasive insects

Location: Just outside the Visitor Center/Museum

Approx Time: 4 Hours

Ages: All Ages

Craft Fees: \$0.50 whistle kit, \$0.50 bead necklace kit, \$5.00 Tobacco Walking Sticks

Sunday July 10, 2016

10:30 A.M. Build-the-Herd: Now you can become an American bison! At this fun craft you can create a custom bison headband to take with you. We will also talk about the many uses of bison by Native Americans, early settlers and pioneers.

Location: Recreation Shelter

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

1:00 P.M. Bison Social: Join Park Staff, for a meet and greet of our Bison herd. This is a great chance to learn about the natural history of the American bison and why we have a herd here. There will be lots of things to discover and even touch. Meet staff at the Bison Viewing Area anytime between 1:00 and 2:30 P.M.

Location: Following the Bison observation trail to the Bison Viewing Area

Approx Time: 1.5 Hours **Ages:** All Ages

*Hike along the Big Bone Creek Interpretive **Trail** to enjoy nature or take a walk.*

*Shop the **GIFT SHOP** to find that perfect gift or keepsake.*

*Buy a **Gift Card** for that perfect gift that can be used for anything at a Kentucky State park such as (mini-)golf, lodging, meals, and gift shop.*

Pool Hours

Campground Guests Only

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gift Shop

Check out our gift shop to buy t-shirts, pottery, toys, specialty candies, and KY Handcrafted products.

Upcoming Special Programs

JULY 16 & 17, 2016

Native American Inter-Tribal Weekend

Join us for a fun filled weekend to celebrate the Native American history and culture of this area.

Visit the Native American encampment and traditional Native American Drum and Dance Circle.

Saturday July 16th, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Sunday July 17th, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Admission: \$2 per person, 5y.o. & under free